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OF THE

INDICTMENT

OF

MAURICE MARGAROT.

GEORGE by the Grace of GOD, King of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith. To

MACERS of our Court of Juſticiary, Meſſengers at arms, our Sheriffs in that part only, and ſeverally, ſpecially conſtituted, Greeting Forasmuch as It is humbly meant and complained to us, by our right truſty, Robert Dundas, eſq. of Arniſton; our advocate, for our intereſt, upon MAURICE MARGAROT, Merchant, in Marybone, London, No. 10, High-ſtreet: reſiding or lately reſiding at the Black-bull inn, head of Leithwalk, of pariſh Saint Cuthbert's, and county of Edinburgh. That where by the laws of this and every well governed realm, SEDITION is a crime of an heinous nature, and ſeverely puniſhable: Yet, true it is, and of verity, that the ſaid Maurice Margarot, has preſumed to commit and is guilty, actor or art and part of ſaid crime, in ſo far as the ſaid Maurice Margarot, having been named a Delegate, by an aſſociation of ſedi-

tious people, calling themſelves The CORRESPONDING SOCIETY of LONDON; did repair to Edinburgh, with the wicked and felonious purpoſe of joining and co-operating with an illegal aſſociation of evil diſpoſed, and ſeditious perſons, who, originally deſigned themſelves, "The GENE-"RAL CONVENTION of the FRIENDS of the PEOPLE:" but who have of late aſſumed the deſignation of "The BRITISH, CONVENTION of the Delegates of the People aſſociated to obtain "Univerſal Sufferage, and, Annual "Parliaments." And, which illegal aſſociation, under the names and deſignations abovementioned, have been in the practice during of the preſent months of October, and November laſt, as well as in the beginning of the preſent month of December, 1793; of holding various ſeditious and illegal meeting, at a Maſon's-lodge or room in Blackfriars-wynd, in the city of Edinburgh, and elſewhere, to the Public procurator unknown, and which meetings, though held under pretence of procuring a reform in parliament, were evidently of a dangerous and, deſtructive tendency, with a deliberate and determined intention to diſturb the peace of the community, and to ſubvert the preſent conſtitution of the country, with which view, they imitated, both in the form and tenor of their proceedings, that convention of people, the avowed enemies of this country, who at preſent uſurp the government of France, and, with whom, Great Britain then was at war.

That the ſaid Maurice Margarot, from his arrival in Edinburgh, did as a delegate from the ſaid Correſponding Society of London, conſtantly attend the illegal meetings of the above mentioned aſſociation; and did co-operate with them on different occaſions, and did act as Preſes or chairman of their meetings, and did take an active and diſtinguiſhing part in their deliberations aud proceedings, and that while the ſaid Maurice Margarot continued to attend the ſaid illegal meetings as a delegate,

or was officiating in the capacity of Preſident as above mentioned, various ſeditious and inflamatory votes and reſolutions were paſt, ſome of which he moved, others of which he ſeconded, and all of which he gave his concurrence and approbation, by voting for paſſing the ſame, and which ſeditious votes and reſolutions, as alſo the inflamatory ſpeeches that were delivered on theſe occaſions, by authority of the ſaid meetings, were inſerted in minutes of their procedure taken at the time, and which afterwards by their order or under their authority, were publiſhed in a newſpaper called the Edinburgh Gazetteer, of Tueſday November, the 26th 1793, being number 78, and of Tueſday December, the 3d. 1793, being number 79th and of Tueſday December the 10th being number 80, all of that paper and were by that means circulated among the lieges.

That the ſaid Maurice Margarot did alſo, when attending in his capacity of delegate, at the illegal meetings of ſaid aſſociation, utter and make various ſeditious and inflamatory ſpeeches, tending to vilify our preſent happy conſtitution; and to withdraw therefrom the confidence and attachment of our ſubjects, and, did likewiſe move reſolutions, tending to diſeminate the ſeditious and unconſtitutional principles by which theſe meetings were actuated. And particularly the ſaid Maurice Margarot, did at a meeting of the ſaid convention, held on Tueſday, the 19th. day of November laſt, 1793, or on ſome other days of that month, in a Maſon-lodge, or room of Blackfriars-wynd in the city of Edinburgh; wickedly and felonioufly make the following motion, or one of a ſimilar import. "That previous to publiſhing an ad- "dreſs to the public, a committee be forthwith appointed to conſider the means and draw up the *outlines* of a plan of

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„ *General Union* and *corporation between the two nations
" in their conſtitutional purſuit of a thorough parliamentary
" reform."

Which motion or one of the ſame tendency having been approved of, was paſſed unanimouſly by the ſaid illegal aſſociation, and which motion clearly demonſtrated a wiſh and intention on the part of the ſaid Maurice Margarot, of propagating the ſeditious tenets of that aſſociation over the whole kingdom, and of exciting our ſubjects in England in contempt of legal authority, to adopt the ſame unconſtitutional conduct which the ſaid, Maurice Margarot and his aſſociates, had preſumed to follow: AND FURTHER, on Monday the 25th. day of November, 1793, or on ſome other day of that month, another illegal meeting of the above named aſſociation, held t the aforeſaid Maſon-lodge, or room in Blackfriars-wynd, or at ſome other place to the public proſecutor unknown, upon a motion being made in the following word or words, of the ſame import.

' That in caſe the miniſter or any other member bring
" into the Houſe of Commons, a motion for a convention-
" bill as paſſed in Ireland, for preventing the people from
" meeting according to their juſt rights by the revolution,
" the ſame motion ſhall be noticed to the delegates of the
" reſpective ſocieties, immediately to meet in convention,
" to aſſert their rights."

" WHICH motion having become the ſubject of conſide-
" ration, the following day the ſaid Maurice Margarot did
" then wickedly and feloniouſly utter and make the fol-
' lowing ſpeech, or one of the like import and tendency."
" This is an excellent motion, and the event which it al-
" ludes to ought to be the tockſin to the friends of liberty to
" aſſem-

* There are ſeveral miſtakes of this kind in the Indictment, which in England are called flaws, and on any one of which, the priſoner would be acquitted; but the more immaculate deciſions of the Scotch Bench, admit of no ſuch lenity! *ſee Palmer's Trial.*

" aſſemble, it ſeems however, to be imperfect. It does
" not mention any place of meeting, neither does it ſpeci-
" fy the time when the delegates are to aſſemble, for the
" word *immediately* is indifinite and will not convey the
" ſame meeting to perſons reſiding in different parts of
" the country; by thoſe who live near to the place of
" meauing, it will be underſtood that they are to repair
" there next day; by thoſe at a greater diſtance within a
" few days; and by thoſe ſtill further off, a week after
" ſuch information is received. But the committee of
" regulations have in their report. an article of the ſame
" purport, which in my opinion is preferable to our
" friend Calender's motion; and as this motion comes
" properly under the chapter of regulations, I wiſh that
" it were referred to that committee, I therefore move
" that the report be read, that the convention may
" judge whether the article I allude to, ſufficiently pro-
" vided for the intention of the motion now before the
" convention. I believe that the conventionwill be
" convinced, that this clauſe of the report of the com-
" mittee of regulations, comprehends the ſpirit and in-
" tention of Citizen Calander's motion, and alſo extends
" further, inaſmuch as it provides for a number of caſes
" equally dangerons to liberty as a convention-bill. It
" will be found alſo that this buſineſs of calling a meeting
" of the convention, had better be entruſted to a ſecret
" committee, appointed for that particular purpoſe, of
" watching every act which may militate againſt the rights
" of the people; and I maintain that the proper place for
" this motion to appear, is among the regulations of the
" convention.

AND farther on the 28th. day of the ſaid month of November, 1793, or upon one or other of the days above mentioned. the ſaid illegal and ſeditious meeting, did after diſcuſſion of the ſaid motion in the room or Maſons-Lodge in Blackfriars-wynd, aforeſaid, wickedly adn

ſeditiouſly come to the reſolution of the following import and tenor

" THAT this convention conſidering the calamitous " conſequence of any act of the legiſlature, which may " tend to deprive the whole, or any part of the people of " their undoubted right, to meet either by themſelves or by " delegation; to diſcuſs any matter relative to their com- " mon intereſt, whether of a public or private nature: and " holding the ſame to be totally inconſiſtent, with the firſt " principles and ſafety of ſociety, and alſo ſubverſive of " our known and acknowledged conſtitutional liberties. " Do hereby declare before God and the world, that we " ſhall follow the wholeſome example of former times, by " paying no regard to any act, which ſhall militate againſt " the conſtitution of our country, and ſhall continue to " aſſemble and conſider of the beſt means by which we can " accompliſh a real repreſention of the people, and annual " election, until compelled to deſiſt by ſuperior force: " And we do reſolve, that the firſt notice given for the " introduction of a convention-bill, or any bill of " a ſimilar tendency to that paſſed in Ireland, in the laſt " ſeſſion of their parliament; or any bill for the ſuſpen- " ſion of the Habias Corpus act, or the act for prevent- " ing wrongous impriſonment, and againſt undue delays " in Trials in North Britain, or in caſe of an invaſion, " or the admiſſion of any foreign troops whatſoever, into " Great Britain, or Ireland. All or any of theſe calami- " tous circumſtances, ſhall be a ſignal to the different " delegates, to repair to ſuch place as the ſecret committee " of this convention ſhall appoint, and the firſt ſeven " members, ſhall have powers to declare the ſittings perma- " nent, and twenty-one ſhall conſtitute a convention, and " proceed to buſineſs; the convention doth therefore re- " ſolve, that each delegate immediately on his return " home, Do convene his conſtituents, and explain to them " the neceſſity of electing a delegate, or delegates, and

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" of eſtabliſhing a fund without delay againſt any of theſe " emergencies, for his or their expence, and they do in- " ſtruct the ſaid delegate or delegates to hold themſelves " ready to depart at one hours warning. AND FUR- THER, The ſaid Maurice Margarot, did at the ſaid illegal meeting after the foreſaid reſolution was ſo paſſed wickedly and felonioufly make a motion in the following words, or in words of a ſimilar import and tendency. " That a ſecret committee of three, and the ſecretary be " appointed to determine the place where ſuch convention " of emergency ſhall meet. That ſuch place ſhall remain " a ſecret with them, and with the ſecretary of this " convention; and that each delegate ſhall at the " breaking up of the preſent ſeſſion, be entruſted with " a ſealed letter containing the name of the place of meet- " ing. This letter ſhall be delivered unopened to his " conſtituents, the receipt of which ſhall be acknowledged " by a letter to the ſecretary preſerved in the ſame ſtate " until the period ſhall arrive, at which it ſhall be deemed " neceſſary for the delegate to ſet off."

WHICH Motion was unanimouſly approved of.

AND further the ſaid Maurice Margarot, did on Wed- neſday the fourth day of December, 1793, or one or other of the days of that month, or of November preceeding in another illegal meeting of the abovenamed aſſociation, held at the aforeſaid Maſon's Lodge, or Room, in Black- friars-wynd, or at ſome other (place to the public Proſecutor, unknown,) wickedly and felonioufly utter, and make the following ſpeech, or one of a ſimilar import and tendency, " Your Committee of Regulations have not been able to " bring forward the remainder of their report this evening, " they have not however been idle; they have been em- " ployed in another manner, in your ſervice. It has been " obſerved, that we admit ſpies, under the name of ſtrang-

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" ers. I ſay they are welcome, and if the men by whom-
" they are employed were to come here, they ſhould be
" welcome alſo; for we have no ſecrets which we dare
" not avow: but the intelligence which I have to com-
" municate will ſhew that thoſe who are not friendly to
" reform, and who have an intereſt in ſupporting the ex-
" iſting abuſes, are uſing every endeavour to put a ſtop to
" our meetings. If they abide by law, we are ſafe, for they
" cannot deny that we have met for a legal and conſtituti-
" onal purpoſe; but as the people in power may take mea-
" ſures againſt us, not warranted by law, we ought to
" be prepared. I have in my hands the outlines of a mo-
" tion, which I would wiſh to propoſe in a fuller houſe;
" however I ſhall in the meantime obſerve, that I am in-
" formed, there are many men, who are deſirous of diſ-
" perſing us by force; we ought therefore to prepare
" againſt ſuch diſperſion. We have already appointed a
" Secret Committee for fixing a place of meeting on cer-
" tain emergencies; and we ought to be equally well pro-
" vided againſt the preſent caſe. For if we ſhall happen to
" be diſperſed to night, how, or where are we to rally
" again? To do this, your Committee ſuggeſts a reſolution
" to the following effect: but which I ſhall leave to be
" drawn up by the Council of the table.

" THAT the moment of any illegal diſperſion of the
" preſent Convention, ſhall be conſidered as a ſummons
" to the delegates, to repair to the place of meeting ap-
" pointed for the Convention of emergency, by the ſecret
" Committee; and that the ſecret Committee be inſtructed
" to proceed without delay to fix the place of meeting. I
" hope that what has been already ſaid, will convince the
" Convention that your Committee of Regulations, though
" they have not been able to bring forward their report,
" have not neglected their duty: and it will convince our

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" enemies, that we do not altogether neglect them; they
" will ſee that we proceed with regularity, and that we
" have an eye upon them, while they have ſpies upon us;
" I therefore move for leave to bring in this motion.
Which Motion paſſed unanimouſly.

The ſaid Maurice Margarot, after moving the ſaid Reſolution, not only gave his aſſent to paſs the ſame, but allowed himſelf to be named one of the four members of which ſaid ſecret Committee was compoſed, and agreed to act in that capacity; AND further, on Friday, December the 6th, 1793, or ſome other day of the month, the ſaid illegal Aſſociation having again aſſembled in a room or workſhop belonging to, or poſſeſſed by John Laing, wright, ſituated in Lady Lawſon's yard, ſouth-ſide of Croſs-cauſeway, in the pariſh of St. Cuthbert's, and Sheriffdom of Edinburgh, the Sheriff ſubſtitute of Edinburgh, with others his aſſiſtants having in the diſcharge of his duty repaired to the ſaid room or workſhop, with a view to diſperſe ſaid illegal Aſſociation, the ſaid Maurice Margarot, with others his Aſſociates, did then and there reſiſt the ſaid Sheriff ſubſtitute, and did peremptorily refuſe to diſperſe, until forced ſo to do. That on this occaſion the ſaid Maurice Margarot was called to the Chair, and acted as Preſes, or Chairman of the ſaid illegal Meeting, after the appearance of the Sheriff ſubſtitute, and in open contempt and defiance of all legal authority, vindicated the proceedings of the meeting, and peremptorily refuſed to leave the chair, unleſs compulſion was uſed. In conſequence of which, the Sheriff ſubſtitute was under the neceſſity of taking him by the arm, and pulling him out of the chair, and of uſing force in diſperſing the reſt of his Aſſociates: That this conduct of the ſaid Maurice Margarot, was highly aggravated by this circumſtance, that the ſaid illegal Aſſociation had been the very evening before

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diſperſed by the civil Magiſtrate. And the ſai Maurice Margaret having been apprehended and brought before Harry Davidſon, Eſq. Sheriff Subſtitute of the ſhire of Edinburgh, on the 5th day of December, 1793, did in his preſence, emit a declaration of that date, which is ſigned by the ſaid Sheriff ſubſtitute, the ſaid Maurice Margarot having declined to ſign the ſame; and when the ſaid Maurice Margarot had been apprehended, ſundry papers having been found in his poſſeſſion, or claimed by him, the ſame were afterwards inſpected in his preſence, by authority of the Sheriff of Edinburgh, and two ſeveral liſts or inventories of theſe papers, were made up, one of which containing ten articles, is ſubſcribed by Wm. Scott, Procurator Fiſcal of the County of Edinburgh, and by Joſeph Gerald, of Hart-ſtreet, Bloomſbury-ſquare, London, and the other conſiſting of nine articles is ſubſcribed by the ſaid William Scott, and by the Sheriff ſubſtitute of Edinburgh, as the ſaid Maurice Margarot refuſed to ſign the ſame; which inventories, together with the whole articles thereof, except No. 1. of the 1ſt. Inventory: as alſo the foreſaid declaration emitted by him, before the ſaid Sheriff ſubſtitute of Edinburgh, together with a paper ſigned by the ſaid Maurice Margarot, and by John Wardlaw, quoted on the back "motion of M. Margarot," and ſigned by the ſaid Sheriff ſubſtitute as relative to the aforeſaid declaration. AS alſo the ſcroll or draft of the miuutes of the ſaid General convention, from the 29th of October, to the 4th of December, 1793, conſiſting of ninety-five pages: AS alſo No. 78, 79, and 80, of the Edinburgh Gazetteer above mentioned, being all to be uſed in evidence againſt the ſaid Maurice Margarot, will for that purpoſe in due time, be lodged in the hands of the Clerk of the High Court of Juſticiary, before which he is to be tried, that he may have an opportunity of ſeeing the ſame.

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AT leaſt times and places abovementioned the ſaid Acts of ſedition were committed, and the ſaid Maurice Margarot is guilty Actor or art and part thereof. All which, of part thereof being proven by the verdict of an Aſſize, before Our Lord Juſtice General, Lord Juſtice Clerk, and Lords Commiſſioners of Juſticiary, in a Court of Juſticiary to be holden by them within the criminal Court-houſe of Edinburgh, upon the 9th of January next to come, The ſaid Maurice Margarot, above complained upon, OUGHT to be puniſhed with the pains of the Law, to deter others from committing the like crimes, in all time coming. OUR WILL IS, &c.

I Andrew Murriſon, Macer to the High Court of Juſticiary, by virtue of Criminal Letters, dated and ſignetted the 24th day of Dec. current, raiſed at the inſtance of Robert Dundas, Eſquire, of Arniſton, his Majeſty's Advocate for his Majeſty's Intereſt, againſt Maurice Margarot, Merchant, in Marybone, London, No. 10. High-ſtreet, reſiding, or lately reſiding at the Black Bull Inn, head of Leith-walk, pariſh of St. Cuthbert's, and county of Edinburgh. In his Majeſty's name and authority, command and charge you the ſaid Maurice Margarot to compear and to come and find ſufficient caution and ſurety, acted in the books of adjournal. That you ſhall compear before the Lord Juſtice General, Lord Juſtice Clerk, and Lords Commiſſioners of Juſticiary, in a Court of Juſticiary to be holden by them within the criminal court-houſe of Edinburgh, upon the 9th day of January next, in the hour of cauſe, there to underlye the Law, for the crimes ſpecified in the ſaid criminal letters, and that under the pain contained in the Acts of Parliament, and that you come and find the ſaid caution and ſurety, acted in manner aforeſaid, within ſix days next after the date hereof, under the pain of rebellion, and putting you to the Horn, with certification

certification as effeirs; Of which criminal letters with a liſt of the perſons names and deſignations that are to be adduced as witneſſes againſt you, and a liſt of the perſons names and deſignations that are to paſs upon your aſſize, I herewith give you full and exact copies upon the thirty preceeding pages, upon this 24th day of December, 1793, before theſe witneſſes, William M'Beath, and John M'Beath, both In-dwellers in Edinburgh.

(Signed) ANDREW MURRISON.

LIST OF WITNESESS.

*N. B. thoſe who are members of the convention, have the mark *, perfixed to their names; thoſe who are Conſtables the mark †; the others are deſigned in the liſt.*

I. Harry Davidſon Eſq. Sheriff, Subſtitute of the county of Edinburgh a late Sheriff Subſtitute thereof.

II. William Scot, pror. Fiſcal of the ſaid county of Edinburgh.

III. James Williamſon, clerk to the ſaid Wm. Scott.

IV. Archibald Welſh, Clerk to the ſaid Wm. Scot.

† V. Joſeph Mack Writer in Edinburgh.

VI. Meſſenger James Lyon, Indweller in Edinburgh.

† VII. John M'Donald, Indweller in Edinburgh.

† VIII. Neil M'Glaſham, Indweller in Edinburgh.

* IX. William Roſs, Clerk in the Gazetteer office, Edin.

* X. George Roſs, Clerk in the Gazetteer offiee, Edin.

* XI. Alexander Aitchinſon, Student of Medicine reſident in Cannongate of Edinburgh.

* XII. John Clark, Maſon in Edinburgh.

* XIII. Alexander Bell, Tobacconeſt Cannonagte of Edin.

* XIV. Andrew Newton, formerly Tobacconiſt in Dunce, now reſiding in St. Patrick's Square, Edinburgh.

*XV. John Gouſlay, Watch-maker in Edinburgh.

* XVI. Alexander Reid (Treaſurer) Joiner and Cabinet-maker, reſiding in Edinburgh.

*XVII David Downie, Goldſmith in Edinburgh.

† XVIII. Thomas Cockburn, Merchant, Lawn-Market Edinburgh.

* XIX. John Wardlow, Writer in Edinburgh.

XX. Samuel Paterſon, Merchant in Edinburgh.

XXI. John Laing, wright, in Nicolſon's Street, Edin.

XXII. The Right Hon. Thomas Elder, Lord Provoſt of the City of Edinburgh.

XXIII. Neil M'Vicar Eſq. one of the Magiſtrates of Edin.

XXIII. James Laing, one of the Depute City Clerks of Edinburgh.

* XXV. James Rumet, Grocer in Edinburgh.

XXVI. Alexander Fraſer, Grocer one of the Conſtables in Edinburgh.

LIST OF ASSIZE.

John Grindlay, Rectifier of Spirits, Edinburgh
James Gorden, Brewer, there.
John Howdon, Saddler, there.
Thomas Hotchkew, Brewer, there.
Samuel Gilman, Rope-maker, there.
James Clark, Farrier, there.
Walter Smiaton, Painter, there.
James Mill, Tanner, there.
James Clarkſon, Baker, there.
William Murray, Merchant, there.
William Scott, Plumber, there.
Robert Armſtrong, Plumber, there.
Robert Norrie, Painter, there.
William Smdith, Sadler, there.
Charles Robertſon, Painter, there.
Andrew Bruce, Merchant, there.
Thomas Clegham, Coachmaker, there.
Henry Farquharſon, Carver, there.
John Balfour, Merchant, there.
John Sanders, Shoe-maker, there.

John Baxter, Glazier, there.
James Dickſon, Seedſman, there.
John Wilſon, Coach-maker, there.
Robert Young, Upholſterer, there.
William Anſilie, Saddler, there.
John Scott, Watch-maker, there,
William Fraſer, Tinſmith, there,
Gilbert Maſſen, Merchant, there.
Alexander Weir, Painter, there.
Henry Murray, Perfumer, there.
William Marſhall, Plumber, there.
David Stewart, Merchant, there.
John Brough, Wright, there.
John Young, Architect, there.
William Purnie, Architect, there.
James Bryce, Painter, there.
John Hay, Banker, there.
Samuel Anderſon, Banker, there.
James M'Leigh, Bookſeller there.
Robert Burns, Architect. there.
Mc'Duff Hart, Shoe-maker, there.
James Fowler, Stationer, there.
John White, Merchant, in Edinburgh
Adam Dalmahoy, Merchant. there.
William M'Lean, Merchant, there.

(Signed)

ROBT. M'QUEEN. } Vice Lord Juſtice Clerk.
ALEXR. MURRAY, } Lord Henderland.
DAVID RAE. } Lord Eſgrove.

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Copy of Exculpation on the behalf of M. Margarot, ſerved by J. Martin, on his Grace the Duke of Richmond, the Right Hon. William Pitt, and Henry Dundas, Eſq; on the 4th of January, 1794.

GEORGE by the Grace of God, King of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith. To MACER, of our Court of Juſticiary, Meſſenger at arms, our Sheriffs in that part conjunctly, and ſeverally. ſpecially conſtitute. GREETING, WHEREAS It is humbly meant and ſhewn to us by our Lovite Maurice Margarot, Merchant, in Marybone, London, No. 10. High ſtreet, preſently reſiding at the Black-Bull Inn, head of Leith Walk, pariſh of St. Cuthbert's, and county of Edinburgh. That where he is criminally purſued before Our Lord Juſtice General, Lord Juſtice Clerk, and Lords Commiſſioners of Juſticiary, at the inſtance of our right truſty Robert Dundas, Eſq, of Arniſton, our Advocate for our Intereſt, for the crime of Sedition, and others in manner mentioned in the criminal libel raiſed againſt him there anent. The diet whereof is fixed before our ſaid Lords in a court of Juſticiary, to be holden by them within the criminal Court houſe of Edinburgh, to the ninth day of January next to come, and that the Complainer has ſundry relevant defences to propone againſt the ſaid libel eliding thereof, and alſo ſundry revalent exceptions, and objections, to propone againſt the Witneſſes and Aſſizers whereof he will be heavily prejudged by the peremptory diets of onr high Court of Juſticiary, unleſs remeid be provided thereto, as it is alledged.

OUR WILL is herefore, and we charge you ſtrictly, and command, that incontinent theſe our Letters ſeen ye paſs, and in our name and authority, lawfully ſummon, warn, and charge ſuch Witneſſes, as beſt know the verity

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of the Premiſes, whoſe names ſhall be given you in a liſt ſubſcribed by the ſaid Complainer, perſonally, or at their dwelling places; All to compear before our ſaid Lords in a Court of Juſticiary, to be holden by them within the criminal court houſe of Edinburgh upon the ſaid 9th day of January next, to come in the hour of cauſe there to hear leal and tooth faſt witneſſing in ſo far as they know, or ſhall be aſked at them anent the ſaid Maurice Margarot, his innocence and exculpation of the crime charged againſt him. ILK witneſs under the pain of 100 merks Scott's, according to Juſtice, as ye will anſwer to us thereupon, The which to do, we commit to you full power by theſe our Letters, delivering them by you duly executed and indorſed again to the bearer, Given under our Signature, at Edinburgh, the thirtieth day of December, in the 34th year of our Reign, 1793.

Ex deliberatione Dominorum,
Dec. 30th. Commiſſionarium Juſticiariæ
1793. JOS. MORRIS.

Copy of Notice ſerved with the above Letters of Exculpation.

TAKE Notice that you are herewith ſerved with a true copy of his Majeſty's Letters of Exculpation, at the inſtance of Maurice Margarot, therein-named. That your name is contained in a liſt ſigned by the ſaid Maurice Margarot, and delivered to me. And that you are a material witneſs for the ſaid Maurice Margarot. And therefore you are hereby required perſonally to be, and appear in the court of Juſticiary, at the place on the day mentioned in the ſaid Letters of Exculpation, to teſtify upon oath as to the ſaid matters, as you ſhall anſwer hereupon. Dated the 4th day of January, 1794.

Your's, &c.
J. MARTIN, Solicitor for the ſaid M. Margarot,

To, &c.
Richmond-Buildings, Soho.